

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

May 17, 2016

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Behl called Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Richard Bennett, Ed Nelson and Larry Bischoff. Annette Thompson arrived at 8:40am.

Also, present: Jeff Hoffman, Community Development Educator and Co-Department Head, Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Agent and Co-Department Head, Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator, Bonnie Borden, Youth Dairy & Livestock Educator, Caitlin Richardson, Nutrition Coordinator and Amanda Young, Dairy & Livestock Agent.

ELECT COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR AND SECRETARY: Motion by Bischoff, to elect Ed Nelson to be the Vice-Chair of the UW-Extension Education Committee, seconded by Bennett, Bischoff motioned to close the nominations, seconded to close nominations for Ed Nelson to be Vice-Chair, motioned carried. Motion by Thompson, to elect Richard Bennett to be the Secretary of the UW-Extension Education Committee, motion by Nelson and seconded by Bischoff to close the nominations for Bennett to be the Secretary. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bischoff to approve minutes for Wednesday, April 20, 2016. Motions carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN TO GO OUT OF ORDER AS NEEDED TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT THE MEETING: Motion by Bischoff, seconded by Nelson to approve agenda and for Chairman to go out of order. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:
None.

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bischoff to approve the regular meeting per diems for May 17, 2016.

REVIEW OF BILLS Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

- a. Reviewed UW-Extension Revenues and Expenses for April 2016.
- b. Review, discuss, and consider a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Fond du Lac, Dodge County and UW-Extension, Cooperative Extension:
 1. Hoffman reported on the Crops and Soil agents Memorandum of Understanding, how it will work being a 50/50 position between Fond du Lac and Dodge counties. Hoffman pointed out the points of interest that are the most relevant.
 - i. There will not be an expectation that the agent would be in each office (FDL and Dodge), each week 2-1/2 days. The agent will determine what the need is (workload) that the given counties require.

- ii. Mileage and all expenses – Fond du Lac will invoice Dodge County on a monthly basis those expenses required by Dodge County to pay. Fond du Lac and Dodge County will review said expenses on a month to month basis.
 - iii. Regarding IT and computer/laptop between counties – the agent will have a laptop through the Fond du Lac UW-Extension office. When in Dodge County the agent will have to work through a VP connection.
 - iv. Motion by Nelson, second by Bennett to approve Chairman Behl to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Fond du Lac, Dodge County and the UW-Extension.
- c. Discussion and consideration for Extension Education Committee members to attend the June 20 and 21 WACEC Conference.
 - 1. Behl explained the WACEC conference to the rest of the members and asked who was interested in attending (2) individuals are allowed from Dodge County. Behl and Nelson will be attending.
- d. Up-date and discussion on the nEXT GEN UW-Extension restructuring
 - 1. Witzel reported that they have not finalized work groups yet, supposed to be this week. Told the Committee that it has been reported that the process will take a lot longer than first anticipated. Expecting changes to occur in July 2017.
 - i. Nelson requested Educators to email Behl & Nelson to give them their points that they wish for them to take to the WACEC conference to address with them.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Witzel: Witzel shared an overview of the 4-H Youth Development program in Dodge County. She introduced staff in the office, including Laure Dei, 80% support staff and Ellen Bohn part time 4-H program assistant who shared what they do in their roles. She also shared the highlights of the UW Extension display board that highlights the Dodge County UW Extension programs. She shared that youth leadership was identified in the visioning prior to her start in Dodge County. Youth leadership is taking place with a youth/adult partnership for the Leaders Association. Also youth are taking more active teaching roles with camp. Experienced camp counselors helped teach new counselors at the camp counselor training. The counselors will take on more roles at camp this year.

Carroll: Carroll offered a brief summary of Family Living programming. She described that Family Living Educators provide programming in the areas of family financial literacy capacity building, supporting families through parenting and childcare education, improving family health and wellbeing through education and by providing leadership in community capacity building through coalition building. Carroll is currently finishing a six week parenting education class in partnership with Beaver Dam Unified School District. Carroll reported that the Focus on Women Resource Fair was a success with over 150 people in attendance and over 45 exhibitors. She also reported that the Dodge County CARES summit brought a cross section of over 50 people from Dodge County to the table to look at ways to support child safety, health and well-being.

Richardson: Richardson introduced herself as new WNEP Nutrition Coordinator and gave an overview of WNEP program along with some of her background information. Richardson discussed her current efforts within the program- such as contacting partners, updating contracts/2017 WNEP paperwork, working on developing lessons for the summer (some food pantries and subsidized housing units) as well as attending

several professional development conferences (New Colleague and Health and Hunger Summit).

Borden: Borden recapped the professional development opportunities that UWEX personnel have when attending JCEP conference (Joint Council of Extension Professionals) and that both Marie and Bonnie had received awards at the awards banquet, including "Colleague of the Year"-which they had secretly nominated each other to receive. Borden shared that the monthly Livestock Project Meetings held at the county level are now finished for the year and further shared that her summer intern will start on Monday, May 23rd.

"Alice in Dairyland" program is now completed in Dodge County. The events planned by volunteers were amazing and even small details were covered in the "Dodge County" way—our very best! Dodge County agriculture was showcased in the many events throughout the year from identifying the entrepreneurial smaller businesses to our larger industrial businesses and from smaller farms to our largest operations. The new "Alice" has been requested to be a guest on the 2016 "Ag Day Escape" field trip to tell youth about the career of being an "Alice".

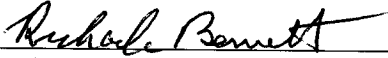
Young: Young shared a brief overview of what she does as a dairy and livestock agent. She talked briefly about collecting alfalfa PEAQ readings from forage council members around the county and handling the press releases of that information for the forage council. Young also talked about hosting a pasture walk at the end of August focusing on grants available to pasture grazers and pasture management especially selective grazing issues. She has also applied to be a host for a fall cow/calf beef meeting where producers will cover topics on end product production, direct marketing, and value added products for the beef industry.

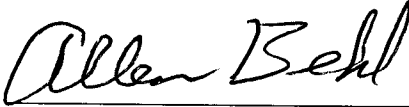
COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, June 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was motioned by Nelson and seconded by Bischoff to adjourn at 10:06 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard Bennett, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairman